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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Smithfield's Body Camera Initiative for Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithfield located at 350 E Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577.

The Town of Smithfield would use this funding to allow the Smithfield Police Department to purchase 45 body cameras and data storage. The importance of having and retaining this type of data helps to create and attain professional and accountable law enforcement departments throughout the state, as well as assist with ongoing and recruit office training.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety and accountability of law enforcement officers and allow law enforcement officers to better promote public safety. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Wiley Nickel

Member of Congress